



Sons of Norway | Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 | Høst - Autumn | Happy U.S. Thanksgiving, 27 November 2025

Hilsen fra Visepresidenten

As the weather changes and we all get ready to hunker down with cooler, wetter weather activities, there is much going on in the lodge. We have been swamped. The Crossings 200 Celebration dinner was fabulous and memorable. All the LEL volunteers made us proud and really stepped up. It was also fun to see so many friendly faces from the community at this event.

Earlier that week, we had a crew in the kitchen and hall making lefse for the Nordic Market. Mange takk to Janice Quam for setting that up and directing all the volunteers.

These events are a lot of work, but we enjoy our Norwegian camaraderie. Then it is on to the Nordic Mixer in November—our Christmas December meeting and, of course, our wonderful Julebord. There have been people leading the way for lodge events far longer than I've been around. Tusen Takk!!

The November Membership Meeting will feature a memorial for past members and a welcome for new members. We also have the nominations coming up for prospective board members. The Nomination Committee with Peter Nestigen, Kathleen Lange, and Tina Aure is greatly appreciated.

Let us all enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving & the Jul season ahead.

Ken Bartanen

Lodge Vice President



Dinner / Membership Meeting for November 2025

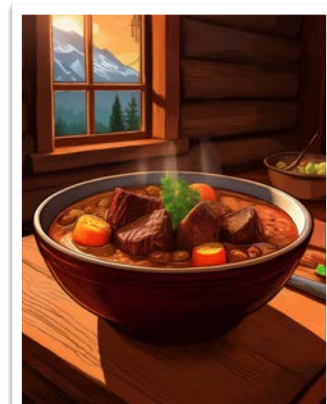
12th of Nov. 2025 / Wednesday Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:00 PM / Program 6:30 PM Business Meeting 7:30 PM

The program will feature Krystal Kaald, who will talk about her remarkable parents, Paul and Pat Kaald, master skiers and well-known leaders in American ski racing. They started skiing in Norway and have never stopped.

Dinner will be: Lapskaus, green salad, carrots and beans, breads, and a special Norwegian apple dessert from a recipe our president, Anne-Lisa Berger, is sharing, which she ate growing up in Norway. After dinner, we will welcome our new members. This meeting will also include our yearly lovely Memorial Service for our beloved members we have lost in the past year.

Please remember to specify when you make your reservation for dinner whether it is \$25 for dinner only or \$30 for dinner and a drink. Please RSVP by noon on Monday, 10th - 206-783-1274. .

Sheila Bartanen,
Social and Cultural Director



Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

Leif Erikson Lodge acknowledges our lodge stands on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish people past and present, and honors with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish people.

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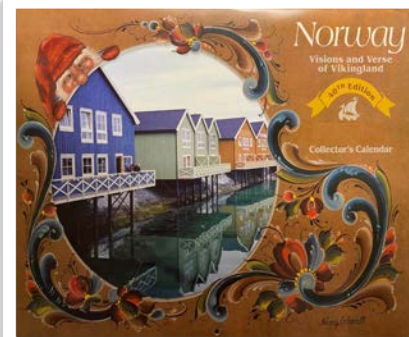
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2026 Calendars of Norway on Sale

Leif Erikson Lodge is selling special Norwegian calendars for 2026, just in time for the holidays. The price is \$15.00 plus \$7.00 for postage if you would like it mailed to you. Mail a cheque, made out to LEL, Leif Erikson Lodge, ATTN: Calendars, 2245 NW 57th St., Seattle, WA 98107. Supplies are limited –order now. Call the office at 206-783-1274.

Sons of Norway National Foundation

October is Foundation month through the Sons of Norway. It is time to encourage your sons and daughters, nieces and nephews, to apply for the scholarships available through the national foundation. If you know anyone who might be interested in furthering their education and could benefit from scholarship assistance, please get in touch with me, Jerry Thorsen, at the Leif Erikson lodge. Many categories, including a summer of study in Norway, are available. Last year's winners' pictures are in the latest issue of The Viking magazine. Don't bypass this opportunity.

Jerry Thorsen - jthorthor@gmail.com

New Phone Number, Email, or Address?

Let us know! Email Wendy at LEL.memberships@gmail.com. Or go to the SON website - www.sofn.com and update your Member profile. Please remember to forward your mail if you are gone for an extended period.

Vikingen

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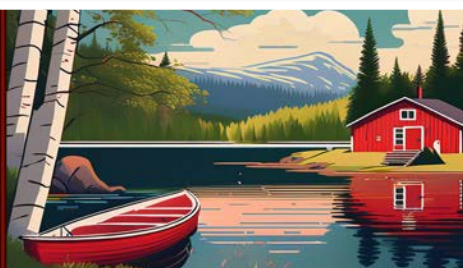
You can sign up to receive the Vikingen via email. If you prefer to receive a hard-copy newsletter, let us know at Erik.Bjarne@gmail.com or englergail32@gmail.com or call the LEL office and leave a message at 206-783-1274.

Sons of Norway Cultural Mission:

Promoting and preserving the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic countries. Leif Erikson Lodge is committed to complying with this mission in all that we do.

Troll Saga

NYHETER FRA NORWAY PARK



Thanksgiving Hilsen 2025

By Erik Bjarne Witzøe

It's hard to believe that months ago, summer activities were in full swing, and now the cool, crisp air fills the nights, ushering in Christmas preparations next month. Speaking of the Christmas season, the annual Julebord in the Berg Pavilion takes place on Saturday, the 6th of December. This year, Icelandic vocalist & DJ Thor will be entertaining the guests at the julebord. Takk så mye, Berit, and the many volunteers who create this vital and cultural tradition for Norway Park. Interested in attending Julebord? The form will be in the Nyheter for making reservations with Berit Smith.

Recently, Grace Schroeder, who serves on the LERA board, reported that cows were grazing in her yard at Norway Park. Our neighbors adjacent to Norway Park have, from time to time, had issues with livestock escaping the property. To give it a cultural perspective., you almost want to break out into the Norwegian classic folk song Per Spellman, about a Norwegian farmer and his barnyard animals.

For those who wish to use the Norway Park website, it hasn't been updated for quite a while. The board is currently working on resolving this issue. Hopefully, it will be resolved sooner rather than later. Questions can also be answered by the LERA office at the park during business hours.

Happy Thanksgiving to all. Nothing could be better than a lovely, wholesome dinner in the natural setting of Norway Park, perhaps with a cozy fire in the fireplace and family members gathering in a comfortable atmosphere - så koselig!



Leif Erikson Recreation Association Contacts for 2025

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Save the Date! Norway Park Julebord 2025 - 6 December!

Volunteers needed, contact Berit Smith 360-820-2625



HALLO FRA KAFFESTUA!

Come and join us for coffee, waffles and a variety of open face sandwiches in November.

We are **CLOSED** the week of Thanksgiving
(Wed/26th and Fri/28th)

We are open the rest of the Wednesdays and Fridays
from 10am-2pm.

Saturday Kaffestua
November 1st 10am-2pm

Sunday Kaffestua
November 16th 12pm-4pm



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

All new applications, transfers and affiliate requests for October, will be voted on at our November Members Meeting. Since we did not have an October Members Meeting, due to the Crossing Dinner Event, we will include them with additional requests in November.

In addition, we will have our Welcome Ceremony for all new members.

NEW MEMBERS

New Members to be announced after
November Meeting.

OBITUARIES

Anne Seilar Davis

WHEN IS THE NEXT
SECOND SATURDAY SOCIAL HOUR?

Yes there will be a 2nd Saturday one last time before Christmas break so don't miss it on November 8th at Leif Erikson Lodge
November 8th, 2025 - 5:00 to 8:00 PM- 2245 NW 57th St.

Enjoy a Lite supper, including 2 drinks for only \$5,
including wine, beer and soft drinks. (and coffee if requested)
Bring some finger food snacks for the food table and receive some free raffle tickets for the food-provider's raffle as a thank you. Great prizes for the main raffle \$1 each ticket.

There are also some simple, free, get-acquainted games. Another freebie prize is the evening **Door Prize** at the end of the party. Everyone gets one free ticket and the prize is unusual, interesting or useful.

Members and guests invited: Members just drop in. Guests are most welcome and sign in on the guest list. Come and get to know your fellow members. See you there 8th and then again not until January

A Question for you!

Maybe you are downsizing or fall cleaning and have some wonderful new or lightly-used items we could use for prizes at 2nd Saturday Social Hour. If you would like to have us find them a good home, please drop them off in the office Wednesday or Friday with the label on the box or bag "For 2nd Sat Social Hr."

Thank You!

The 2nd Saturday Social Hour Committee

- Doug Warne

SOCIAL DIRECTOR

The December meeting program is planned to be a type of Norwegian Christmas party. **The Norwegian Ladies Choir** will sing and then be joined by a special guest. He will help them lead us in a **Stan Boreson sing-a-long** as we honor the **100th birthday** of this Seattle icon. There will of course be accordions playing as we sing, laugh and enjoy the evening. The menu will feature Lutefisk and traditional foods to accompany the festivities.

We hope to see you all as we celebrate the Christmas season with our lodge family!

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Sheila Bartanen

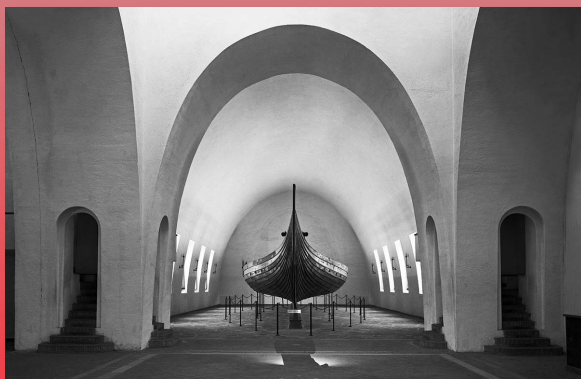
Norsk Hilsen



OSLO VIKING SHIP MUSEUM UPDATE

Oslo Vikingskipsmuseum er for tiden stengt for renovering og forventes å gjenåpne i 2027 som det nye «Vikingtidsmuseet». Osebergskipet er flyttet til en ny, klimakontrollert bygning som en del av prosjektet, og de andre skipene, Gokstad og Tune, vil følge etter. Det nye museet vil ha betydelig mer utstillingsplass og et mer stabilt miljø for bevaring.

(English summary: The new viking ship museum in Bygdøy, Oslo will be opening in 2027. The Vikings ships are Oseberg, Gokstad and Tune. The new building will better preserve the ships)



Over ser vi det gamle vikingskipmuseet med det berømte Osebergskipet. Til høyre ser vi det nye tilbygget til det opprinnelige museet under bygging og som skal åpne i 2027.



- An-Magrith Erlandsen

Leikarringen Liaisons

October found LKR dancers turning into Bakers and Crafters. We made many varieties of Nordic cookies for the Norwegian Bakeri and also made beautiful hand crafted Christmas items for the Nordic Market.

We love supporting the lodge as we also volunteered for washing dishes, serving, bussing tables, cooking soup and rømmegrøt for the Nordic Market. This was after we helped serve, bus tables and did kitchen duties for the Crossings 200 dinner.

We are lucky to share so much with friends and have such a great room to practice dancing for our upcoming performances as we also learn about and share Norwegian culture and traditions.

We welcome all new and returning dancers to our practices on every Tuesday from 5-7pm at the Lodge.



- Sheila Bartanen
President



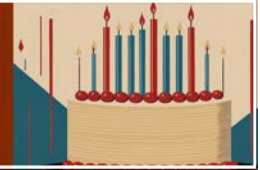
Today lodge members made lots and lots of LEFSE for the bazaar!



Bibliotek



Gratulerer med dagen!



Hei fra Biblioteket!

October brought many book donations and additions to our online catalog, which has reached over 1500 books.

We recently received the Sisters' Bells trilogy by Norwegian author Lars Mytting, which he even signed at the Nordic Museum! Look for them the next time you're in the library, or check the online catalogue.

The library is open all Fridays and the first Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm, and before member meetings from 3:30 - 5:30 pm.

Tusen takk,
Diana Malone



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

Happy Birthday to all our members with November Birthdays !

Our youngest members are:

*Neva D., Chase E., Elliott H., Perrin H., Sarsh M.,
Lee Roy S., Soren S., James V.*

Our members are:

*Tina A., Debbie B., Linda B., Gail E., Anita E., Irene G., David K., Carol L., Gretchen M., Stuart M., Larry O., Kathryn P., Jared S., Karl S.,
Adrian T., Tairyn T., Kari V., Judy W., Hanna V.*

Our Senior Members are:

Borgny E.,

Gratulerer !

*We're sorry we can't list all the Birthday celebrants
as there is just not enough room in our newsletter!*

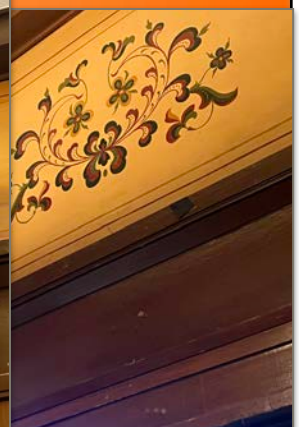
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Lodge Members Tour to Raisbeck Hall

On October 4, 2025, members of Leif Erikson Lodge toured Raisbeck Hall in Seattle's South Lake Union neighborhood. Formerly known as Norway Hall, this building served as the meeting hall for the Seattle Sons of Norway following its dedication on Syttende Mai in 1915. After selling Norway Hall in the late 1940s, Sons of Norway moved first to Lower Queen Anne in 1951 and later in 1986 to Ballard. The building is currently owned by Cornish College of the Arts at Seattle University. For more information and historical photos:

<https://www.seattletimes.com/pacific-nw-magazine/see-norway-hall-in-1915-and-see-it-now-as-part-of-cornish-college/>

<https://pauldorpat.com/2015/05/29/seattle-now-then-norway-hall/>



Original Rosemaling, Balcony and Stained Glass, with Carved Wall Motifs inside Raisbeck Hall..

Nordic Mixer at Leif Erikson Lodge

Welcome to the Nordic Mixer –an evening of shared Nordic traditions and socializing! Although it's hosted at the Leif Erikson Lodge, groups from five Nordic countries in the Seattle area (Sons of Norway, NWDA, Swedish Club, Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle, and Finlandia) will be represented. Any friends who wish to join us are welcome to do so! To RSVP online, click the button above. Or you can call 206-783-1274. If you want dinner, you can either pay online or in person. The Nordic Mixer will be held at Leif Erikson Hall on Friday, November 7th, from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm. This is a night for the community to gather and relax, socialize, and have fun! The Winter Band will provide music, and dinner will be provided in-house. The menu will be Pølse (Norwegian hot dogs) and cookies for \$10. There will also be a no-host bar, with wine (\$5), beer (\$5), and pop (\$2). Event link www.leiferiksonlodge.org/nordic-mixer



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Leif Erikson Lodge Calendar November & Dec. 2025

- 01 Nov. - Sat. First Saturday Kaffestua, 10 AM - 2 PM
- 01 Nov. - Sat. First Saturday Library (Bibliotek), 10 AM - 2 PM
- 05 Nov. - Wed. LEL Board Zoom Meeting 7 PM
- 08 Nov. - Fri. Nordic Mixer at Leif Erikson Lodge 5:30 PM - 9 PM
- 08 Nov. - Sat. Second Saturday Social (Happy Hour), 5 PM - 8 PM
- 11 Nov. - Tue. LERA Board Meeting at 7 PM - Bekkestua - Norway Park
- 12 Nov. - Wed. Dinner / Membership Meeting, doors at 5:30 PM
- 15 Nov. - Sat. Finnish Holiday Market 2025, LEL, 10 AM - 3 PM
- 16 Nov. - Sun. Third Sunday Kaffestua 12 PM - 4 PM
- 22 Nov. - Sat. Third Saturday Kaffestua, 12 PM - 4 PM
- 27 Nov. - Thurs. Happy Thanksgiving..
- 06 Dec. - Sat. Norway Park Julebord Berg Pavilion at 4:30 PM. RSVP
- 13 Dec. - Sat. LEL Julebord. Doors at 5 PM - RSVP
- 14 Dec. - Sun. LEL Children's Christmas Party / Barnas Julefest 3 PM-5 PM

Ballard Health Club Silver Sneakers class meets at LEL Mon, Wed and Friday, 10:00 AM 11:00 AM. Contact Marianne for details.
marianne@ballardhealthclub.com

Exercise class lead by Audrey in main hall Wednesdays 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM. 1st class free, \$5.00 after that. LEL Zoom information:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9155821189> Meeting ID: 915 582 1189; Dial in by Phone: 1 (253) 2158782.

Please check the LEL website, e-news and Facebook for updates to the Lodge calendar and activities. www.leiferiksonlodge.org
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LeifEriksonLodge>



Leif Erikson Lodge, Karmøy Club &
Seattle - Bergen Sister City Association

Children's Christmas Party Barnas Julefest

Sunday, 14 December 2025 • 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Entertainment • Julenissen • Christmas Goodies
Walking around the Christmas Tree
Treat Bags • Prizes • Christmas Songs
Children \$2.00 Adults \$10.00
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Prepare for a fun afternoon of eating, singing and dancing
around the Christmas Tree Norwegian style, Julenissen
will be paying us a visit, prizes with lots of fun and togetherness.

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